

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

KEISUKE SUZUKI, *et al.*

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For: THERMAL PROCESSING METHOD AND  
THERMAL PROCESSING UNIT

**Confirmation No. 6099**

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**Mail Stop: Amendment**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2009, to which the time for response is set to expire June 12, 2009. Claims 1-17 were pending, claims 12-17 are rejected and claims 1-11 are allowed. Reconsideration and entry of the following amendments are respectfully requested.

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.  
Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.